

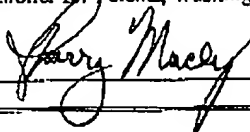
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Group Art Unit: 3765

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated September 12, 2002 for which a three month extension is being filed herewith to extend the period for response from December 12, 2002 to March 12, 2002. Please amend the above-identified application as follows.